

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-91 are amended and new claims 92 and 93 are added. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-91 are rejected.

Claims 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-93 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-91 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER KITAZAWA ET AL. (JP PATENT 09-026832) IN VIEW OF JAHAGIRDAR ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,125,286)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kitazawa et al., as gleaned from the patent Abstracts English Language Publication provided as representative of the reference, discloses simply a portable information processor such as a notebook type PC that may be used easily, and continuously (e.g., for 24 hours) to provide a pager function. For that purpose, a low resolution LCD 20 is provided as well as a large LCD 10 of high resolution and wherein the sub-LCD 20 can always be viewed even when the main LCD 10 is closed. "Furthermore, the sub-LCD 20 and a sub CPU which controls the sub-LCD 20 can receive and control the pager messages even when the main LCD 10 and a main sub CPU which controls the LCD 10 stop [seq.] their operations."

Clearly, Kitazawa et al. does not teach the claimed features of the display apparatus of the invention and its method of operation including, among other things, displaying the communication state of the electronic equipment on the auxiliary display section. For this reason, Kitazawa et al. clearly does not teach, among other things, displaying the communication state on the auxiliary display section using a message representing contents of the communication connection process (which message is displayed in a manner (or, with a format) that enables the user to understand the contents of the communication connection process from the message.

Jahagirdar et al. relates to a mobile station which may be described as being "wearable", i.e., of a size to "fit into a pocket or attached to clothing...." (see col. 2, lines 50-55 and illustration in FIG. 4). The unit has a small display area 130 which is viewable in a "vertical line direction as illustrated in FIG. 4 and, thus, interpreted by a downward gaze of the user having the

the unit 102 attached to a belt for example. A second display area 132 in the embodiment of FIG. 1 is visible in the direction of arrow 156 in FIG. 1 (col. 3, lines 1-5).

As set forth in the last two paragraphs of claim 1 of Jahagirdar, when the portable electronic device is outside of the supporting holster, one display area is powered off and the second display area is powered on if the moveable (cover) element is in the open position and, when inserted into the holster, the first display area is powered on by the controller while the second display area is powered off if the movable element is in the closed position. As described in col. 5, line 62 of Jahagirdar et al., Jahagirdar et al. displays an "in use" state of the electronic equipment in the display area (130). However, it is only possible to know the "in use" state from such a display in the display area (130). Jahagirdar et al. does not teach, among other things, displaying a communication state on the auxiliary display section using a message representing contents of the communication connection process (which message is displayed in a manner (or, with a format) that enables the user to understand the contents of the communication connection process from the message).

Therefore, it is submitted that the present invention is not obvious from Kitazawa et al. and Jahagirdar et al., taken singularly or in any proper combination.

The dependent claims 83-91, previously presented, patentability distinguish at least for the foregoing reasons of their respective independent claims and further for their respective recitations relating to specific displays produced by the controller for forwarding information regarding the communication operation of the electronic equipment, displayed in the auxiliary display section. New dependent claims 92 and 93 likewise patentable distinguish in view of the distinctions of the independent claims for which they respectively depend and further for the display as specified in claim 92 of symbols and/or animation, other than characters, to supplement contents of a message indicated only by characters. Claim 93, on the other hand, sets forth messages representing relevant information in relation to cost and time of communication or conditions of communication, none of which are disclosed in the references relied upon and, thus, further patentably distinguishing thereover.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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